WILCHER/WEBB publishers' representatives

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Dear Laura Gilpin:

The University of Michigan Press has replied to my inquiry about their doing your book with considerable enthusiasm. As you know, they have done previously various books on the Indians, and yours would be a very compatible addition to an already respectable list in this field.

The Press is most efficient and I am certain would let you know q uickly their decision.

I suggest that you write to Ward Ritchie and ask for the return of the dummy without going into too much detail as to why. I would like to avoid an embarrassing situation here, since it was I who suggested in the first place that they seek you out. I think you could say that you cannot agree to confine your book to the number of pages they ask, and that you have another publisher interested in looking at the book who is not making such demands.

I trust that you are making some progress on the text, and that you could send at least an outline of it to Michigan.

The address is: Glen Gosling, director University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Glen is formerly of the Universisty of California press and has a deep personal interests in Indian cultures, so I am sure you'll find him sympatico with your presentation.

Mary and I expect to be coming to Taos for another look at our new homestead sometime next week, and if we pass through Satta Fe at any kind of decent hour we'll give you a call.

Best wishes. Bill Webb